

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification of the application as follows:

On page 1, before line 3, insert the following heading:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--;

and on page 1, before line 11, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, before line 17, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 9, before line 24, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

and on page 9, before line 34, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 11, line 27, with the following:

The coating 4 was deposited by pad galvanisation (tampon plating). In the same manner a manufacture of a coating of other galvanically precipitable substances would be possible, wherein in particular a coating with another precious metal such as gold would lend itself. With pad galvanisation (tampon plating), the plate carrier 1 itself serves as an electrode, whilst a second electrode which is surrounded by a material which is impregnated with a suitable electrolyte is led over the contact surface 2. By way of galvanic precipitation, the coating 4 then grows where the second electrode or the material surrounding it contacts the plate carrier 1 with the electrolyte, specifically at the contact surface 2, thus where the plate carrier 1 is raised. At the same time a wrapping of the second electrode of a non-woven may be provided as a material accommodating the electrolyte and surrounding the second electrode. A leaving-free of the recesses 3 during pad galvanisation (tampon plating) results also without any complicated prior masking of locations which are to remain free. Thus a partial coating of the contact plate also becomes possible in a quasi-continuous process with short cycle times. Also other lateral limitable coating methods also known as metering methods, may alternatively be used, such as spin-spraying[[,]] or a use of slotted nozzles ~~or printing method may alternatively be used~~.